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MILBURY

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MINUTES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1906

The Ministers and Messengers, composing the Synod, assembled at Kingston Church, Autauga county, Ala. The sanctuary was crowded, according to appointment, by Elder Obadiah Radford, 1100 N. 1st St., C. 16 v. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

After an intermission of 30 minutes, the Synod opened with singing and prayer. The letters from the different churches were then read, and the names of the delegates entered.

2nd. The Association then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Secretary. Elder John Yates was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. M. Spivey, Clerk. The Moderator then took the seat and the Secretary took the seat.

3rd. The Association then proceeded to read the Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and the Report of the Executive Committee.

4th. Offered admission for newly constituted churches. The churches were: Macedonia, Bibb, Cuy, newly constituted churches, and being found in order, were received.

5th. Appointed a committee to arrange the program for the next session, composed of Bro. J. A. Holcomb, J. C. Holcomb, and the Pastor of this church.

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8th. Appointed the following brethren to compose a committee to arrange the program for the next session: Bro. J. A. Holcomb, J. C. Holcomb, and the Pastor of this church.

9th. The committee appointed to arrange the program for the next session, composed of Bro. J. A. Holcomb, J. C. Holcomb, and the Pastor of this church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1906

A very large and well ordered congregation assembled at the church, and Bro. Peoples preached according to appointment, but Bro. Everett being absent, Bro. Sapping followed Bro. Strickland preached in the afternoon, and was followed by Bro. Hayes. The preaching of the brethren was with power, and many were established and enabled to rejoice in the Lord, whose banner were made to tremble, and a number came forward to share an interest in the prayers of Christians, and we hope the Lord will crown the labors of the day with the choicest blessings.

Monday Morning Sept. 23rd 1844.

11th. The association met pursuant to adjournment, singing and prayer by the Moderator.

12th Called the names of Messengers and marked absentees.

13th Called for correspondence from sister association, and received a letter and Minutes from the Alabama, by the hands of her Messengers brethren Peebles, Lamar, Hassel and Morgan.

14th. Called for the report of the committee of arrangement, which was read and received.

15th Called for corresponding letters which were read and received.

16th Called for the report of District Meetings, which were received and Minutes, as will appear in the Table of District Meetings.

17th. The circular letter prepared by bro. Sansing, was read and received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

18th. Opened a door for any business proper to come before the association. Whereas, through the providence of God, our beloved brother A. Watson (the former moderator of this association) has been removed from amongst us by the hand of death, and entertaining the highest respect for our departed brother. Therefore

Resolved. That this association, sympathize and mourn, with the family of our brother, and also with the churches particularly of our association,—the loss of our much esteemed and venerable Father.

19th The next association to be held with the church at Ft. Williams, Talladega County, Ala. Saturday before the 4th. Sabbath in September 1845.

20th. Appointed Elder T P Holcombe to preach the next introductory sermon, Elder B Strickland his alternate.

21st Appointed Elder D M Lloyd to write a circular letter, to be presented to our next association, on a subject of his own choosing.

22d. Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 1000 copies printed, reserve 150 correspondence, and have \$25. for his services.

23rd. Appointed bro. F Adair to apply to the widow of bro S W Apperson dec'd for the Association Book, which he, as the former clerk of this association, had in his possession; and present it to this body at its next session.

24th Attached Concord Church, Autauga County, to the 3rd district, and Macedonia, Bibb County, to the 1st Dist.

25th. Resolved, That the clerk transmit to bro J E Sumner \$2. out of the funds of the association, to pay him for a Book purchased by him for this association.

26th Elders, C Prim and J Yates, and bro A B Hughes, were continued distributing agents in their respective Districts.

27th. The association ordered that bro Strickland have \$5 out of her funds, to pay him as corresponding Messenger to the Ala. Association last year, which he forthwith authorized the clerk to bestow on some poor widow and orphan.

28th Called for the report of the Committee on Finance, which was read and received, and the committee discharged. Report Remaining in the hands of the clerk from last year.

Sent up by the churches for Minutes,

Association,

Amount,

Paid Superintendent,

Paid Bro. Sumner,

Paid Bro. Strickland,

Paid for printing the Minutes,

Remaining in the hands of the Clerk

\$57.10

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29th. Resolved. That this Association tender her united thanks to the brethren and friends around Kingston church, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members composing the same: Adjourned to the time and place above written. Singing, Prayer and Benediction by the moderator.

JOHN YATES Moderator

JOHN SANSING Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Mulberry Baptist Association, to the Churches whom she represents,—GREETING:

BELOVED BRETHREN: The time has again rolled round when we have been permitted to assemble as an Association, and according to custom we send forth among you the following Epistle, founded on the subject of **WORLDLY MINDEDNESS.**

Worldly Mindedness we learn is "A preponderating love and pursuit of this world's goods to the exclusion of piety and attention to spiritual things."

Dear brethren we learn, Romans the viii. 6, that "to be carnally minded (which is the same as being worldly minded) is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Hence it is plain, that if the christian suffer his affections to be set on things on the earth he cannot enjoy religion, and consequently, is often complaining of darkness, doubts and fears. Religion came from Heaven to Earth to cheer our hearts, and smooth our path thro' the wilderness of this world, and being of heavenly descent, there is no agreement between it and the world, and hence when we undertake to serve the world and our God too, we deprive ourselves of the enjoyment of Religion. Our Saviour says "ye cannot serve God and Mammon," Matt. vi. 24. and yet brethren we discover a disposition among professed christians to serve the world, and why? May we not fear that this being the case our hearts are not right in the sight of God? we think so, for we are informed that "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him" 1st John 2 v. 15. In vain then, do we profess to be christians and cherish hopes of Heaven, if the love of the world has the preponderance in our hearts; and of this matter brethren we can easily judge, for if we are disposed to follow the world, and attend to matters of religion only when it is convenient, or does not come in contact with our worldly interest, we have no ground, according to the above cited scriptures, even to hope we are christians. Dear brethren, we believe that there is too great a likeness between professors of religion in general and the world too much of a disposition to conform to the world in almost every thing, therefore spiritual things are neglected, and consequently, the churches languish. We design now to notice briefly, a few of the most visible effects of worldly mindedness.

The worldly minded man is of but very little (if any) use in the church, for his mind is engaged in devising ways and means for the accumulation of worldly stuff, and his time is spent in the execution of his plans, and hence, he seldom or never goes in secret to pray, he does not pray in his family, or if he does, it is only once in a while, in order to quiet a troubled conscience, and if he should happen to be at meeting, the topic of his conversation is the growth of his corn, the product of his fields, the price of cotton or something relative to this world and if any thing of a difficult nature should approach the church, he is entirely unprepared to assist in it, for his mind is not spiritual. Now we may expect to hear such christians (if christians they are) often complaining of darkness, for they walk not in the way in which God has ordained blessings to flow, and hence, he withholdeth from them the shining of his countenance. Worldly Mindedness in professors of religion causes the Pastor of a church, on many occasions, to have to preach (almost) to naked walls and empty seats; his brethren are too busy to go to meeting. Again, brethren, it causes churches to have small funds, and a great many of

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W. H. Cherry

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MINUTES

SATURDAY SEP.

The Ministers and Messengers, composing the Ministry, assembled at Kingston Church, Tazewell county, Va. The session was delivered, according to appointment by Elder Obadiah Radford, 1. C. 16 v. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

After an intermission of 30 minutes the delegates repaired to the house.

1st. Appointed Elder John Yates Moderator pro tem, who proceeded to session with singing and prayer. The letters from the different churches then read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

2nd. The Association then proceeded to make choice of a Moderator & whereupon Elder John Yates was chosen Moderator and Elder John Clark clerk. The Moderator then took his seat and announced the association and ready for business.

3rd. Proceeded to read the Constitution, abstract of principles, and Decorum.

4th. Invited Ministers not Messengers to seats with us.

5th. Offered admission for newly constituted churches, or churches from other associations, into our Union. Whereupon Occochee, Antioch, Macedonia Bbbi, City, newly constituted churches came forward by their letters, and being found orthodox were cordially received.

6th. Appointed a committee to arrange the preaching during the session composed of Thompson, A. Thompson, J. Goodwin, A. Goodwin, and Pastor of this Church.

7th. Appointed a committee to arrange the preaching proper to the session at the present session; consisting of brethren, viz. A. Goodwin, M. Lloyd, T. P. Holcombe, A. T. Barton, together with clerks who shall also be privileged to examine any documents presented to the Association for her consideration.

8th. Appointed a committee of finance composed of brethren, viz. Burns, A. Goodwin, and J. Goodwin.

9th. Appointed the following brethren to carry out the resolutions viz. To the Tuscaloosa next year, B. Barton, M. Lloyd, Bro. Lloyd to write the letter. To the Cahaba B. Barton, M. Lloyd, Brethren A. Andrews, B. Strickland, D. M. Lloyd, R. Pearson, M. Lloyd, To the Cahaba next year, W. A. Barton, to write the letter, M. Lloyd, Radford, T. P. Holcombe, J. Yates, and J. A. Barton, to write the letter, B. Strickland to write the letter, M. Lloyd, G. W. Barton, to write the letter, to bear it. To the Cahaba, M. Lloyd, to write the letter, to bear it, and E. Fancher to bear it.

10th. The committee appointed to arrange the preaching, brethren to occupy the stand on Sabbath, viz. M. Lloyd, B. Barton, and Strickland and Sanning in the afternoon; preaching at 1 o'clock A. M. adjourned until Monday Morning 8 o'clock, by bro. Strickland.

SUNDAY SEP.

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association on a subject of his own choosing.

Resolved That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that

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expenses.

Resolved That the clerk transmit to bro. J E Summer the funds

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Committee discharged Report Remaining in the hands of the

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Association, on bills, out of ground, has balance \$26.75

Amount, \$134.00

Minutes, \$12.00

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for the very kind and loving support and assistance
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JOHN SANSING Clerk.

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